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SUBJECT: SOUTHERN AFRICAN PROBLEMS: SPECULATION ON A
"BEST POSSIBLE" CASE

REF: DAR ES SALAAM 2020

1. THANKS FOR YOUR INTERESTING AND HELPFUL REFTEL. PLEASE
NEVER HESITATE TO SEND US YOUR THOUGHTS, NO MATTER HOW
"OFF THE WALL" YOU MIGHT THINK THEY ARE.

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2. IN FACT, WE HAVE BEEN THINKING ALONG THE SAME LINES.
IT IS CLEAR TO US THAT WE AND THE BRITISH AS WELL AS
THE FRONT LINE SHOULD FIND WAYS TO REACH OUT TO THE BISHOP,
REASSURE HIM ABOUT HIS POLITICAL FUTURE UNDER AN INTER-
NATIONALLY ACCEPTABLE SETTLEMENT, AND WARN HIM OFF HIS
PRESENT COURSE.

3. IT IS PROBABLY TOO EARLY, HOWEVER, TO KICK OFF THE SCENARIO YOU HAVE SUGGESTED, AS WE ARE STILL UNCLEAR ABOUT THE BISHOP'S MOTIVES AND INTENTIONS. (HE MAY BE UNCLEAR HIMSELF).

4. IN THE COMING WEEKS, THE PICTURE MAY CLARIFY SOMEWHAT, AND YOUR THOUGHTS AS EXPRESSED IN REFTEL AND ANY OTHERS

YOU PASS ALONG WILL BE VERY MUCH IN OUR MINDS AS WE PLAN STRATEGY. VANCE

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